



	LEGEND
PAP	People's Armed Police
SOF	Special Operations Forces
EW	Electronic Warfare
СР	Command Post
SHORAD	Short-Range Air Defense
SPAAG	Self-Propelled Antiaircraft Gun

The positional defense is primarily static, using entrenched positions and obstacles, but retains the capability for limited offensive actions.

A brigade typically controls three to five key points.

UAS surveillance provides coverage out to 20 kilometers, comparable to the range of 122-mm artillery.

The frontal blocking zone's covering team

—consisting of two maneuver companies—disrupts enemy reconnaissance, resists assault, delays advances, and protects the main defensive positions.

Brigades may deploy a battalion for counterreconnaissance if required.

Jamming platoons operate forward but withdraw to avoid enemy fire.

A reserve infantry or armor company reinforces vulnerable sectors.

Rear-based firepower groups may move forward to maximize range.

Air defense systems protect critical assets.

PAP secures logistics and conducts counterspecial operations forces operations in the rear defense zone.

Obstacle belts impede enemy movement and channel enemy forces into designated kill zones.



Source Note: Analysis informed by multiple U.S. Government sources, Chinese military documents, and subject matter experts; frontage data drawn from Yang, Baoming, and Fusheng Zhu, *Review of Army Combined Operation Tactics* (People's Liberation Army, 2012).